

According to a preferred embodiment of a nucleic acid sequence in accordance with the present invention, it encodes a mutant protein comprising the following peptide sequence (II, SEQ ID NO:6):

Please delete the original Sequence Listing.

At page 12 (Abstract), after the last line, beginning on a new page, please insert the attached substitute Sequence Listing.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A nucleic acid sequence obtained by mutation of a sequence encoding a plant protein of the GRAS family, the wild-type form of which comprises the following peptide sequence (I, SEQ ID NO:5):

Gly Tyr X₁ Val Glu Glu (I)

in which X₁ represents arginine or asparagine, characterized in that said mutation results in a modification of said sequence (I, SEQ ID NO:5).

2. (Amended) The nucleic acid sequence as claimed in claim 1, wherein it encodes a mutant protein comprising the following peptide sequence (II, SEQ ID NO:6):

Gly Tyr X₁ Val Glu X₂ (II)

in which X₁ is as defined above, and X₂ represents an amino acid other than glutamic acid.

3. (Amended) The nucleic acid sequence as claimed in claim 2, wherein X₂ represents a basic amino acid, preferably a lysine.

4. (Amended) The nucleic acid sequence as claimed in claim 3, wherein it encodes the polypeptide represented by SEQ ID NO: 4.

5. (Amended) A plant with reduced development, comprising one or more copies of a nucleic acid sequence as claimed in claim 1.

6. (Amended) The plant as claimed in claim 5, wherein it is crucifer.

7. (Amended) The plant as claimed in claim 6, wherein it is Brassicacea.

Please add the following new claims:

9. (New) A plant with reduced development, comprising one or more copies of a nucleic acid sequence as claimed in claim 2.

10. (New) A plant with reduced development, comprising one or more copies of a nucleic acid sequence as claimed in claim 3.

11. (New) A plant with reduced development, comprising one or more copies of a nucleic acid sequence as claimed in claim 4.

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1-7 have been amended.

Claims 9-11 have been added.

The amendment of Claim 1 is found in the Examples. The amendment of Claims 2-7 is to remove multiple dependencies and for clarity. New Claims 9-11 are supported by original Claim 4.

No new matter is believed to have been introduced by the present amendments.